(c) what subsequent action has been taken in the matter;
(d) whether the request has been sanctioned; and if so,
(e) whether the work will be carried out by the P. W. D. or Panchayat Department?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—(a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) The matter was enquired into and the Panchayat has been asked to see if lands can be had free and they are now enquiring into this matter.
(d) Please see answer to (c).
(e) If lands are got free, the work will be carried out by the Panchayat according to the availability of funds.

Introduction of further constitutional reforms.

448. **Mr. K. T. Mathew**—With reference to question No. 79 dated 30th November 1932, will the Government be pleased to state.—
(a) when did the Diwan-President state in the Legislative Council that the question of introducing further reforms was receiving the attention of the Government;
(b) what action has been taken in the matter since 30th November 1932;
(c) whether the Diwan has submitted any scheme of further reforms to His Highness the Maharaja; and if not,
(d) what has he done in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) On 5th August 1931.
(b), (c) and (d) Government are awaiting the report of the Franchise Committee to take further action in the matter.

Number of Industrial workers in the State.

449. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Industrial Workers for each of the last 5 years in the State?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—107, 835 in 1931. Information regarding the number of workers in the remaining four years is not available.

Banking Regulations.

450. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state when they can effect the Banking Regulations suggested on page 152 of the Recent Census Report?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The matter will receive the attention of Government in due course.

Legislation regarding labour conditions.

451. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state our prospects of legislation regarding labour

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conditions on the lines suggested by the Whitley's Labour Commission Report and when they will be moving in the matter ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Government have not had time or opportunities to consider this question so far.

Completion of works to prevent floods in Karuvannur.

452. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Will the Government be pleased to state whether the first stage of the works proposed in the Chief Engineer's scheme for the prevention of the Karuvannur Floods was completed before the floods of 1107?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Admissibility of questions.

453. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the figures quoted in answer to question No. 322, dated 11th Kumbham 1107, will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to do in the matter ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The Government have not anything to do in the matter. Adequate rules regarding the admissibility of questions have been framed and if the Hon'ble Members strictly adhere to them the President will have no occasion to disallow questions.

Modifications to Penal Law in respect of seditions and political offences.

454. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have noted the trend of modern opinion of treating lightly sedition and political offences and what modifications they intend to make in our Penal Law with reference to it;

(b) whether they are aware that repression has only intensified and complicated things everywhere ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) The Government have not come across any expression of opinion that sedition and political offences should be treated lightly.

(b) No.

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